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H. RES. 618

Expressing support for designation of 2012–2013 as the “Year of the Korean War Veteran” and recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Korean War.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, and Mr. COBLE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of 2012–2013 as the “Year of the Korean War Veteran” and recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Korean War.

Whereas on June 25, 1950, Communist North Korea invaded the Republic of Korea with approximately 135,000 troops to initiate the Korean War;

Whereas nearly 1.8 million members of the United States Armed Forces served along with the forces of the Republic of Korea and 20 other Allied nations under the United Nations Command to defend freedom and democracy in the Korean Peninsula;

Whereas the United States suffered 36,574 dead and 103,284 wounded during the Korean War in some of the most horrific conditions in the history of warfare;

Whereas almost 60 years have passed since the signing of the cease-fire agreement at Panmunjom on July 27, 1953, and the Korean peninsula still technically remains in a state of war;

Whereas the Korean War has become a “Forgotten War” for many Americans;

Whereas many of the members of the Armed Forces who fought in the Korean War returned home without the fanfare that greeted the heroes of World Wars I and II;

Whereas Korean War veterans deserve to be recognized by all Americans for their honorable service during the Korean War in defense of democracy and freedom;

Whereas the tide of communism on the Korean Peninsula was halted, liberty triumphed over tyranny, and the Republic of Korea has developed into a modern and prosperous democracy because of the selfless sacrifice of the Korean War veterans;

Whereas the people of the United States and the Republic of Korea are eternally grateful to the Korean War veterans;

Whereas it is important to include the history of the Korean War in the curriculum of American schools so that future generations never forget the sacrifices of the Korean War veterans;

Whereas the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee will implement a national campaign to honor the Korean War veterans, remember those Korean War veterans still counted among the Missing in Action, and educate the American people concerning the ongoing relevance of the Korean War;

Whereas the commemorative campaign will include ceremonies in the United States and the Republic of Korea in recognition of June 25, 1950, and July 27, 1953, and a national media and outreach campaign for Veterans Day 2012 to honor the Korean War veterans;

Whereas the Department of Defense 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemoration Committee is confident that this resolution will help to successfully galvanize the American people around the need to recognize the sacrifices of the Korean War veterans and their families and will help bring recognition to, and appreciation for, their accomplishments; and

Whereas a number of Veteran and Veteran Support organizations, including the Korean War Veterans Association, Korean War Veterans of America, and the American Legion, and the National Association of State Veterans Affairs Directors support the goals of this resolution: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives, on the
2 occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Korean War—

3 (1) recognizes the importance of the contribu-
4 tions and sacrifices made by the Korean War vet-
5 erans; and

6 (2) supports the “Year of the Korean War Vet-
7 eran”.

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